



REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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## NOTE VERBAL

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and refers to the Embassy's note No. 60, dated 28 February, 2003 which reads as follows:

"The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the respective governments regarding issues related to a proposed United States Training Task Force assigned to provide support for the training of personnel recruited under the terms of the Iraq Liberation Act of 1998 (hereinafter "the Trainees"), who will accompany United States forces at the Kapos Air Base at Taszar, Hungary. The Embassy notes that the presence and activities of the United States Training Task Force is authorized as a matter of Hungarian law by the provisions of the Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Hungary No.: 2390 of 2002 issued on the 20th of December 2002.

As a result of the above-mentioned discussions, the Embassy proposes:

- A. That the status of the United States Training Task Force be governed by the Agreement between the two governments "Concerning the Activities of the United States Forces in the Territory of the Republic of Hungary" signed at Budapest on 14 May 1997;
- B. That the United States contractors and their United States citizen employees present in the territory of the Republic of Hungary in connection with the activities of the Training Task Force be accorded the status and privileges specified in Article 11 of the Agreement

"Concerning the Activities of the United States Forces in the Territory of the Republic of Hungary" and, in addition, be permitted to carry and use weapons incident to giving instruction and training inside the precinct of the Kapos Air Base at Taszar;

C. That the Trainees, as persons accompanying the United States forces, be considered "United States personnel" as this term is defined in the Agreement "Concerning the Activities of U.S. Forces in the Territory of the Republic of Hungary," and be accorded the status and privileges accorded to members of the United States forces in that agreement and in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Status Of Forces Agreement, and that the Trainees be identified and documented by the United States prior to their arrival and that their entry into Hungary is at the discretion of the Hungarian authorities.

D. That the United States will be primarily responsible for the good order and discipline of the Trainees, and, to that end, the United States may take such action and exercise such authority as is appropriate or necessary to impose and maintain good order and discipline among the Trainees;

E. That the United States will keep the training activities confined to Kapos Air Base at Taszar and will take all necessary measures to keep the Trainees away from the general Hungarian population;

F. That the maximum number of trainees to be trained in the Republic of Hungary will be limited to 3000 personnel;

G. Notwithstanding paragraph C, that the United States takes responsibility for all its costs associated directly with the training program, and will endeavor to use local contractors and suppliers to the extent feasible, and that adjudication of the claims by third parties arising out of the acts or omissions of any U.S. personnel under the Agreement proposed herein will be dealt with and settled by the United States in accordance with U.S. law, including the Foreign Claims Act. Claims will be submitted in Hungarian through the Information and Claims Office of the U.S. Army in Kaposvar, where information will be available in Hungarian on the Foreign Claims Act, and on the procedures for submitting claims;

H. That the trainees, upon completion of their training, will not be dispatched directly into combat;

I. That the Government of Hungary retains the right to request the suspension of this program at any time by so informing the United States by diplomatic note. Upon receipt of such a note, the United States will stop receipt of all additional trainees and remove all trainees located in Hungary as expeditiously as possible, preferably within 30 days, and

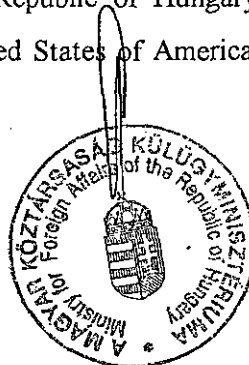
J. That this Agreement shall terminate on December 31, 2003, unless terminated earlier by either Party upon 15 days written notice to the other Party through the diplomatic channels.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Hungary, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between the two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply."

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary has the further honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the proposals set forth in Embassy's note are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Hungary and to confirm that the Embassy's note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our governments, which shall enter into force on this date.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Budapest, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2003.



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Embassy of the United States of America,  
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